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This paper is in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 21, 2005, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on December 21, 2005. As indicated on the Fax Transmission Cover Letter, Applicant petitions herewith for a One-Month Extension of Time, thus extending the period of response to January 21, 2006. This paper is filed concurrent with a Request for Continued Examination.

Please consider the following amendments and/or remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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